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For: WEATHER RESISTANT ANTI-SLIP PANELS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4, 9 and 11 to 17 as follows:

4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 comprising producing a pattern of drillable areas in the cut resistant anti-slip coating and subsequently drilling the substrate.

9. (Amended) A panel as claimed in claim 6 and having a pattern of drillable areas in the cut-resistant coating; whereby, in use, the substrate can be drilled at selected areas to obtain a desired placement of fixing holes.

11. (Amended) A panel as claimed in claim 6, wherein the pattern comprises anti-slip cuttable lines or drillable areas on the or each working surface thereof.

12. (Amended) A panel as claimed in claim 6, wherein the anti-slip coating comprises anti-slip particles in an adherent coating.

13. (Amended) A panel as claimed in claim 11, wherein the or each working surface has a pattern of anti-slip particles embedded therein.

14. (Amended) A panel as claimed in claim 8, wherein the pattern comprises particle-free lines or areas of coated substrate.

15. (Amended) A panel as claimed in claim 6, wherein the substrate has a Shore D hardness of between 80 and 100.

16. (Amended) A panel as claimed in claim 6, wherein the substrate has a maximum deflection of 25° when 1 kg is suspended from a fixed panel test piece 100 mm long x 20 mm wide x 3-3.5 mm thick.

17. (Amended) A panel as claimed in claim 6, wherein the cut-resistant anti-slip coating includes an angular and cubic particle with a Polished Stone Value of between 50 to 100 and a mohs hardness of between 9 and 10.

REMARKS

The above-referenced application is amended to delete the multiple dependencies of claims 4, 9 and 11 to 17 and avoid the multiple dependent claim filing fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "Verified with markings to show changes made".

Respectfully submitted,

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4. A method as claimed in [any claims 1 to 3] **claim 1** comprising producing a pattern of drillable areas in the cut resistant anti-slip coating and subsequently drilling the substrate.

9. A panel as claimed in [any claims 6 to 8] **claim 6** and having a pattern of drillable areas in the cut-resistant coating; whereby, in use, the substrate can be drilled at selected areas to obtain a desired placement of fixing holes.

11. A panel as claimed in [any of claims 6 to 10] **claim 6**, wherein the pattern comprises anti-slip cuttable lines or drillable areas on the or each working surface thereof.

12. A panel as claimed in [any of claims 6 to 10] **claim 6**, wherein the anti-slip coating comprises anti-slip particles in an adherent coating.

13. A panel as claimed in claim 11 [or claim 12], wherein the or each working surface has a pattern of anti-slip particles embedded therein.

14. A panel as claimed in claim 8 [or claim 9], wherein the pattern comprises particle-free lines or areas of coated substrate.

15. A panel as claimed in [any of claims 6 to 14] **claim 6**, wherein the substrate has a Shore D hardness of between 80 and 100.

16. A panel as claimed in [any of claims 6 to 15] **claim 6**, wherein the substrate has a maximum deflection of 25° when 1 kg is suspended from a fixed panel test piece 100 mm long x 20 mm wide x 3-3.5 mm thick.

17. A panel as claimed in [any of claims 6 to 16] **claim 6**, wherein the cut-resistant anti-slip coating includes an angular and cubic particle with a Polished Stone Value of between 50 to 100 and a mohs hardness of between 9 and 10.